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bearing the signature of the Chairman of the Dindigul Municipal Council, Mr. M. J. Muhammad Meera Sahib, and the Postal Department to withhold delivery of the office tapals to the said Chairman ;

(b) the authority under which the Collector acted ;

(c) whether the Government received any communication from the Collector of Madura to withdraw from the Dindigul Municipal Council the privilege of electing its Chairman which it enjoyed for nearly four decades ; and

(d) to lay on the table the entire correspondence that passed between the Government and the Collector and the said Municipal Council on the question of disenfranchising the Council of the privilege of electing its Chairman ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) & (d) No useful purpose will be served by furnishing the information or by laying the papers on the table.

MR. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ With reference to clause (a), may I ask the Chief Minister to call for the information ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ I do not think any good purpose will be served by calling for the information.”

MR. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ In view of the fact that the allegations are of an important character, may I ask whether such action as was taken by the Collector has his approval ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ I have already answered the question. I do not think there is any use in calling for the information.”

MR. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ Is not that matter, viz., issuing instructions not to honour any cheque bearing the signature of the Chairman and to withhold delivery of the office tapals to him, of sufficient importance justifying the calling for information ? ”

Representation of depressed classes in the local boards of the Ganjam district.

* 244 Q.—MR. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any representative of the untouchable classes in the taluk boards of Chatrapur, Berhampur and Ghumsur in the Ganjam district ;

(b) if the answer be in the affirmative, the names of those gentlemen ;

(c) whether any resolution of the Chatrapur taluk board was submitted to the Government to the effect that the claims of the untouchable classes and other unrepresentative communities have been ignored in making nominations ;

(d) whether the Government have already inquired into the question as stated in the resolution submitted by the Chatrapur taluk board ;

(e) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the letter of the District Collector, Ganjam, regarding the availability of untouchable classes to represent the depressed and unrepresented classes in the above boards ;

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(f) whether there is any member of the untouchable classes at present representing in the Ganjam district board ;

(g) if so, what is his name ; and

(h) how many Brahmans, non-Brahmans and untouchable classes are nominated now to the Ganjam district board ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) The resolution of the Chatrapur taluk board was to the effect that a Panchama should be appointed as a member of the taluk board.

(d) The taluk board did not suggest an inquiry, but an inquiry was made.

(e) The Government are not prepared to do so.

(f), (g) & (h) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the latest Annual Civil List which contains the information asked for. An Adi-Andhra has been nominated as a member of the district board.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ Sir, with reference to clause (a), the answer is ‘ The Government have no information ’. May I point out from the Year Book of 1924 that no member belonging to the depressed classes or untouchable classes has been nominated either to the Chatrapur or Berhampur or Ghumsur taluk boards in the Ganjam district? May I know therefore why the principle contained in the Madras Local Boards Act of 1923 was ignored ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Subsequent to the publication of the Year Book there may have been nominations and so the Government are right in saying that they have no information.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know why nomination was not made during the last term ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ That is a matter which the president of the taluk board has to answer.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ In that case, may I know whether the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government has no control over the taluk boards and districts boards ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ I have said that the hon. Member has to get the answer from the taluk board.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ With reference to clause (h), I find that several members who could get through election were nominated. I want to know why such a procedure was adopted.”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ It is not the intention of the Government that those who could get through election should never be nominated.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ Is it not the principle contained in the Local Boards Act of 1920 that the minority communities who could not get through election should be nominated ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Sir, according to the provision of the Act regard must be had to the nomination of unrepresented communities.”

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III.—RESOLUTIONS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE 24TH OCTOBER 1924.

19. That the Oriental Arts Series and Sarma's Portfolio of Drawings be bought for the use of the Members.

20. That exhaust-fans be provided in the bath room.

21. That small mats or carpets be provided for Muhammadan Members for use during prayers.

22. That the Government be again requested to make an allotment of Rs. 5,000 to be placed at the disposal of the House Committee for such uses as they may consider necessary for the carrying out of their resolutions.

23. That lockers be provided for the use of Members as per plan enclosed.

24. That separate rooms for the Leaders and Whips of the Ministerial and Opposition parties in the House and for the Deputy President are absolutely necessary and that the Government be requested to take immediate steps to provide the same and that, if necessary, the Legislative Council Chambers be extended.

ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

The Government considered that this publication was unsuitable for being placed in the Legislative Council library.

The estimate for the work prepared by the Electrical Engineer is under consideration in the Law Department.

These articles will be purchased and supplied.

The Government have in their Memorandum dated 8th December 1924 expressed their inability to sanction the lump allotment asked for.

The Secretary suggested that 40 or 50 lockers might be made for the present. The hon. the Finance Member wanted to have an ocular demonstration of the lockers and arrangements for the same are being made.

In their Memorandum dated 8th December 1924 the Government stated that no rooms were available.



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Secretary to the Council.

APPENDIX II

[Vide debate on the Madras Civil Courts Bill at page 503 supra].

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE
MADRAS CIVIL COURTS BILL.

To

THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

WE, the members of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Madras Civil Courts Bill, have the honour to submit the following report.

2. We held our meeting on the 4th February.

3. We append an amending Bill which embodies the changes needed to enable the Local Government to appoint more than one Subordinate Judge or District Munsif to a